

HONORING THE DEDICATED
SERVICE OF COLLEEN KENNEDY

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a former member of my congressional staff, Colleen Kennedy of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. For 5 and a half years, Colleen served as an essential member of my D.C. team, ending her time in my office as the Communications Director. Colleen has always had a passion for helping others, and it was through her experiences following Hurricane Katrina that she decided to pursue a career that allowed her to serve her home state of Mississippi.

Colleen arrived in Washington in 2016 to serve as an intern in my office. She was then hired as Staff Assistant. Colleen continued to get more involved in serving the state of Mississippi when she joined the Mississippi Society of Washington, D.C., as a board member, it was her way of bringing pieces of home to our nation's capital.

Colleen was promoted to Legislative Assistant, where she volunteered to handle my office's flood insurance policy portfolio, a significant undertaking. Colleen led a coalition of Republicans in the House in stopping rate increases, defeating harmful flood insurance reforms in the House. Without her leadership,

expertise, or dedication, nearly 65,000 south Mississippians would face more expensive premiums. Colleen stepped up to tackle a long-standing issue from the Affordable Care Act that would have negatively impacted hospitals in the state of Mississippi and the care available to Mississippians.

Colleen was passionate about legislative issues, but her true talent was communications roles. From being a press assistant to ending as the Communications Director, Colleen thrived being the spokesperson for myself and south Mississippi.

I am so grateful for all her great work for south Mississippi, from mailers, letters, meetings, tele-town halls, interviews, social media, and legislative portfolios. Colleen always served with integrity, loyalty, and passion, often sharing our inside saying of "vote right" as I left for votes. South Mississippi was her home for decades and will always hold a special place in her heart. And knowing her, there's only one way to conclude these remarks, vote right.

HONORING MAYOR ENID WEISMAN

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, from the 24th District of the great State of

Florida, I rise today to honor Enid Weisman for her stellar service and contributions as Mayor of the City of Aventura.

Someone once said this about local government, "when you are in local government, you are on the ground, and you are looking into the eyes and hearts of the people you are there to serve. It teaches you to listen; it teaches you to be expansive in the people with whom you talk to; and that engagement gives you political judgment."

It is this same standard of leadership and approach that has distinguished her success at the City of Aventura. With input given from passionate public servants like Mayor Weisman, Aventura is certain to have a bright future guided by a grounded approach to local governance, cooperation, and investment in the well-being of this community achieved during her tenure in office as a mayor.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Mayor Enid Weisman for the completion of her term in office, her time, her commitment, and outstanding contribution representing the residents of the City Aventura.